



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2192
Cooperative Research and Technology Enhancement (CREATE)
Act of 2004**

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on April 29, 2004

S. 2192 would make changes to patent law regarding collaborative work by researchers from multiple organizations. Based on information provided by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2192 would have an insignificant effect on that agency's spending, which is subject to appropriation. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 2192 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On February 4, 2004, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2391, the Cooperative Research and Technology Enhancement Act (CREATE) of 2004, as ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on January 21, 2004. The two versions of the legislation are identical as are the cost estimates.

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